Removal of Procedural Impediments for Speeding up Transaction Processes

2190. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether domestic exporters have demanded removal of procedural impediments for speeding up transaction processes.

(b) if so, details of their demands; and

(c) reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) Exim Policy and the related Handbook of Procedure is a document for facilitating the export promotion activities from the country. Regular meetings are held with Trade and Industry to elict their response on the Exim Policy and the related procedures. The trade and industry raise their demand by way of individual representation, memorandum submitted to the Government and in the Open House meet organised regularly by the various apex bodies of Trade and Industry.

The Government carries out procedural simplifications wherever it is felt that the demand of the Trade and Industry on procedural simplification will promote exports either by speeding up of transaction process or by removal of hurdles.

Liberalised Scheme for Importers

2191. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any liberalised scheme for importers wherein 80 per cent of the goods would be cleared without any detailed examination;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is a scheme called 'The Green Channel Assesment Scheme' in which importers with unblemished records and Super Star Trading Houses, Star Trading Houses etc. are allowed clearance without detailed examination. However, for other importers 10 per cent of the goods are subjected to examination.

Closure of TTCI Tea-gardens

2192. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that thousands of labourers have been thrown out of employment due to virtual closure of three tea-gardens owned by TTCI e.g. Peshok, Via Tukvar and Putung;

(b) what are the proposals of Government to open the tea-gardens; and

(c) whether Government are willing to save the tea-garden workers and their families from starvation immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) Pashok and Vah Tukvar tea gardens located in West Bengal, under Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd., (TTCI) are not producing tea due to labour problemes resulting from delay in payment of salary/wages etc. on account of acute financial problems of TTCI Ltd.

Potong Tea Estate owned by the Corporation is however in running codition and salary/wages and ration of workers of Potong Tea Estate are being disbursed out of the sale proceeds of the produce of the garden for the current period on monthly basis.

Government had decided to dispose of the gardens. The sale process could not be finalised due to legal constraints